# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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SICK PHARMACEUTICAL UNITS
Pathak Shri Harin

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware about the number of Chemical Public Sector Undertakings and other Pharmaceutical Government Enterprises who have been declared sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction(BIFR) till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to rehabilitate the workers of said units?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL(SHRI RAM VILAS PAS WAN)

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) There are five Pharmaceutical CPSUs under the administrative control of Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, namely, Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited(IDPL), Hindustan Antibiotics Limited(HAL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited(BCPL), Bengal Immunity Limited(BIL) and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited(SSPL), which were referred to BIFR and were declared sick. In case of BCPL, the BIFR has sanctioned a modified rehabilitation scheme. BIFR has passed winding up orders for IDPL, BIL and SSPL. BIL and SSPL have since closed down. HAL has been referred to the BRPSE. In case of IDPL, the Government has filed an appeal in AAIFR against the winding up orders. In addition, there are two Chemical PSUs namely Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL) and Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL) which have been referred to BIFR.

(c) In case of PSUs where BIFR has issued winding up orders, the Government has paid VSS/VRS dues to the employees. In case of Hyderabad unit of IDPL, some VRS employees were trained under the Counseling Retraining and Redeployment (CRR)Scheme.